

How Are the Children?

The Children Are Well...

Celebrating Our Successes in Child Well Being

A collective discussion among break out rooms produced the following list of Statewide successes in child welfare.



Financially supporting families in short term can help avoid longer term placements/system involvement

Safely Homes Families First!!

Good placement match can lead to sense of belonging and increased well being.

Foster care specialists, doing a better job matching foster home with youth needs – hopefully reducing number of placements for youth.

Building practice support for case managers – clinical team/education team and nurses.

Being fiscally responsive to youth. Matching funds available to foster parents for youth play sports etc...

Allowing youth to experience normal life – increased connections in community/social network – increased well being.

Increasing connections with relatives – more connections for child/youth – increased well being.

More culturally Aware – ambiguous loss of moving between cultures.

Focusing on Fathers – furthering connections for child/youth.

Open and honest communication between DCS and Providers... TEAM WORK!

Offering supports via GASA/GAL to further the voice of the child/youth

Reduce number of kids in residential placement.

Assist older youth build a safety network of connections – looking into the past to find past connections.

Early intervention = long term positive outcomes.

Doing a great job of maintaining connections by keeping youth in their home.

CFTM allowing parents and others a strong, clear voice.

Allowing parents to choose who is on their “team”

Giving the child a voice in the CFTM process.

Community and societal education to recognize trauma and treatment needs.

Keeping youth connected.

The CANS in an EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES and it is being used throughout the State of Indiana.

Initiatives by DCS to hit multiple disciplines/areas of need such as clinical consultants and nurses.



Support via Clinical Consultants – giving more options to staff.

Motivational interviewing is being provided in Indiana!

CTMSs used to pull everyone together.

Excited to have Healthy Families an EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES here in Indiana.

Performance evaluations by accredited providers.

Offices have implement nurses, education specialists, private investigators etc...

Flexibility and evidence based approaches by DCS

Well child visits with primary care physicians can be increased by collaboration with community mental health centers.

Take Time for Kids is about EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES that is trauma informed and training has been provided throughout the State.

Exploring parental trauma experiences for generational issues.

Home Builders is a great EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES that Indiana is already using.

Acknowledgement of secondary trauma.



Empathy for experiences of family.

We are changing models and ensuring safety of children by suing EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES to provide services to children in the home.

Use of juvenile detention alterative initiatives.

Increasing awareness of resources available in the community.

Increasing a better connections with Parents & Resource Parents



We have been able to train people all over the State with suicide prevention using EVIDENCE BASED PRACTICES.

Jump Start program focusing on 0-3 age group.

Permanency Roundtable to create connections that are long lasting to get to well being.

Using Safely Home Families First to reduce additional trauma.

Great opportunity to serve our children using evidence based practices.

Community Mental Health Centers are working on becoming a trauma informed system.

Consistency in our local offices and with case managers. Special permissions to keep connections with case managers.

Coordination & better transitions.

Community & relative supports... increasing family supports.

Engaging other disciplines in positive and we can build on that.

Coming together today for this conference.

We are already measuring some risk factors for children.

What we experience most is what we remember most – we can impact with the positive we bring!

Better & faster assessment of children for treatment plans.

Healthy Families has helped ensure that mothers/kids get the nutrients needed to help the brain grow.

Siblings together & reducing moves.

Extended family & father involvement.

